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SUBJECT: U.S. PROPOSAL FOR DISCUSSION OF GRAIN RESERVES ACCEPTED
BY CANADA

REF: STATE 279906

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1. EMBASSY RECEIVED LETTER FROM EXTAFF ON JANUARY 27
ACCEPTING U.S. INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN AD HOC
MEETING ON GRAIN RESERVES. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS:
A. QUOTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF DECEMBER 24,
1974 INVITING CANADA TO PARTICIPATE IN AN AD HOC MEETING
ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY AND A GRAIN RESERVES SYSTEM TO
BE HELD IN LONDON, FEBRUARY 10-11, 1975. THE CANADIAN
GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS THE INVITATION. B. QUOTE THE
CANADIAN GOVERNMENT APPRECIATES THE INITIATIVE BEING
TAKEN BY THE U.S. TO FOLLOW UP THE RESOLUTION ON WORLD
FOOD RESERVES ADOPTED AT THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE.
CANADA SUPPORTED THIS RESOLUTION AND WILL CO-OPERATE
IN DEVELOPING A RESERV SYSTEM ON THE UNDERSTANDING
THAT ACCEPTABLE RULES CAN BE DEVELOPED FOR ITS
OPERATION TO SAFEGUARD THE INTERESTS OF GRAIN PRO-
DUCERS AND EXPORTERS. C. QUOTE DISCUSSIONS OF
AN INTERNATIONAL GRAIN RESERVES SYSTEM SHOULD TAKE INTO
ACCOUNT OTHER MAJOR ELEMENTS AFFECTING PRODUCTION AND
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TRADE IN GRAINS AND MIGHT BEST BE PURSUED IN THE

CONTEXT OF PREPARATORY WORK TO ESTABLISH THE BASIS
FOR A FUTURE AGREEMENT ON WHEAT. D. QUOTE THE
CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AGREES WITH THE PURPOSE AND
INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS SUGGESTED BY THE U.S.
IN VIEW OF THE RELATIONSHIP OF THIS ACTIVITY TO THE
PREPARATORY WORK PLANND IN THE IWC, WE SUPPORT YOUR
SUGGESTION THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECREATRY OF THE IWC
BE INVITED TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN. THIS ACTIVITY IS
ALSO CLOSELY RELATED TO UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS
IN THE GATT AND INITIATIVES BEING UNDERTAKEN IN THE
FAO AND WFP TO IMPROVE WORLD FOOD SECURITY.WE.
THEREFORE, CONSIDER THAT STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO KEEP
THESE ORGANIZATIONS INFORMED. WITH RESPECT TO
PARTICIPATION, WE DO NOT OBJECT TO ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES
TAKING PART IF THEY SO DESIRE. E. QUOTE WE APPRECIATE
YOUR OFFER TO PROVIDE A DRAFT AGENDA AND BACKGROUND
DOCUMENTATION AND LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING THESE
DETAILS TOGETHER WITH CONFIRMATION OF ARRANGEMENTS
CONCERNING THE MEETING ITSELF. THE NAMES OF THE
CANADIAN PARTICIPANTS WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO
YOU SHORTLY. (P.A. MCDUGALL). UNQUOTE.

2. FYI AGATTACHE HAS BEEN INFORMALLY ADVISED THAT
W. MINER AND W.E. STEWART, INDUSTRY TRADE AND
COMMERCE GRAINS GROUP WILL ATTEND AD HOC MEETING.
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